

Senate File 201

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FINDINGS OF AN EXAMINING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT  
FOR A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY IMPAIRED IN  
AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 229.22, subsection 2, paragraph a,  
subparagraph (4), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(4) If the examining physician, examining physician  
assistant, or examining psychiatric advanced registered  
nurse practitioner finds that there is reason to believe that  
the person is seriously mentally impaired, and because of  
that impairment is likely to physically injure the person's  
self or others if not immediately detained, the examining  
physician, examining physician assistant, or examining  
psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner shall at  
once communicate with the nearest available magistrate as

defined in section 801.4, subsection 10. ~~For purposes of this subparagraph, the findings of the examining physician assistant must be approved by the examining physician assistant's supervising physician before the examining physician assistant communicates with the nearest available magistrate.~~

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PAM JOCHUM

President of the Senate

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KRAIG PAULSEN

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 201, Eighty-sixth General Assembly.

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MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD

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